



Pioneer Celebrates Latino/x Heritage Month

Pioneer Parents' Club is thrilled to celebrate Latino/x Heritage Month! This month provides us with the opportunity to recognize, honor and learn about the contributions of Latino/x Americans in the US as well as more locally in our community while we celebrate the cultures of those of us with connections to Mexico, the Caribbean, Spain, and Central and South America. Please be on the look out for these fun activities!

- All students are encouraged to participate in a learning activity to celebrate Latino/x contributions to our world. Parents' club will provide a template for your child to research a historical person or country. All students who complete the activity by 9/20 will be invited to a Paleta Party, where we'll enjoy traditional Mexican frozen treats- similar to popsicles.
- We would like to encourage our Latino/x families to share some of their culture with our Pioneer community. Please come into the office and pick up a flyer to tell everyone why you are proud to be Latino/x. We encourage you to share photos of these in our Facebook group .
- On 9/16 we will have a traditional ballet folklórico dance performance and lesson, for those interested students.
- In honor of Latino/x Heritage month, the Parents' Club has made a donation of books to the school library that celebrate Latino/x cultures.

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Spotlight on our Staff

To celebrate Latino/x Heritage month, we will highlight a famous Latino/x person who has made a tremendous contribution to our world.

Today we will highlight someone special and famous to the Pioneer community, Ms. Nuria. Ms. Nuria has been a friendly and helpful shining light in the front office for the past 4 years. She is proud of being Latina for many reasons, including being bilingual! Ms. Nuria enjoys helping our community feel welcomed when she speaks to families, students, and office visitors in Spanish. Ms. Nuria sees this month as an opportunity to celebrate her culture - share her traditions, and the love Latinos have for their families and community. The best part of the Pioneer community for Ms. Nuria is how diverse our school is and being able to be a part of this multi-cultural school. Thank you Ms. Nuria for being you!





Welcome New Board Members!



Jennifer Beckstrand (Vice President) I am married to my best friend and we have 4 girls. We have lived in the area most of our lives. I work from home and raise our kids. I love camping, riding off road vehicles, playing and performing music, and spending time with my family. Fall is my favorite season. I love everything about it.



Twila Long (DE&I CoChair) I'm an Oakland native, married and mom of 4 (including my youngest "colt" Nadean). I am passionate about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for all. My pronouns are She/Her/Hers. I lead Project Management at Workday Inc. (A System Software Co.) supporting the design and delivery of recruiting functionality. I also co-lead two employee-empowered groups that are directly centered on equitable people-management practices, as well as an employee resource group that celebrates, uplifts, and advocates for the development and belonging of Black employees and allies. Proud to be a part of the Pioneer Community helping to heighten belonging for our young future leaders!



Volunteer Opportunities



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee - We are looking for committee members to help us define what DEI means, specifically to the Pioneer community. This committee will also help us establish goals based on our current strengths and needs. Our hope is to establish a committee of 5-10 representative family leaders who will meet once a month to support this work. If interested, email pioneerpcdei@gmail.com

Safety Committee - You would be working with teachers, Jackie Gaviati and Theresa Pires to help with school wide efforts to create and maintain safety protocols. This can include dismissal/arrival, pick up & drop offs. You will discuss and plan for any improvements. If interested, email pioneerpcpres@gmail.com

School Site Council Committee - This is a collaborative effort to implement the year's school site plans. School site plans guide our current programs. Examples would be helping to plan and implement in our school's 4 main goal areas: Intervention, technology, standards and benchmarks. You will work with a small group of current Pioneer teachers and staff. If interested, email pioneerpcpres@gmail.com

Important Dates

9/14 Dine Out @ Panda Express on Balfour

9/19-9/23 Book Fair

9/29 Photo Makeups

9/26-9/30 Early Dismissal All Week and Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/3-10/14 Fall Break

10/19 Dine Out @ Mod Pizza

10/28 Trunk-or-Treat



Parents' Club will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Friday 10/28
Please email pioneerpcvolunteerco@gmail.com
to sign up and decorate your trunk!

